

## **Albany State University**

<http://www.potentialrealized.org/admin/about-asu/mission.dot>

Albany State University, a historically black institution in Southwest Georgia, has been a catalyst for change in the region from its inception as the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute to its designation as a university. Founded in 1903 to educate African American youth, the University proudly continues to fulfill its historic mission while also serving the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population. A progressive institution, Albany State University seeks to foster the growth and development of the region, state and nation through teaching, research, creative expression and public service. Through its collaborative efforts, the University responds to the needs of all its constituents and offers educational programs and service to improve the quality of life in Southwest Georgia.

The primary mission of Albany State University is to educate students to become outstanding contributors to society. Offering Bachelor's, Master's and Education Specialist degrees and a variety of non-degree educational programs, the University emphasizes the liberal arts as the foundation for all learning by exposing students to the humanities, fine arts, social sciences and the sciences. Global learning is fostered through a broad-based curriculum, diverse University activities and the expanding use of technology.

A leader in teacher education, nursing, criminal justice, business, public administration and the sciences, Albany State provides a comprehensive educational experience with quality instruction as the hallmark of all its academic programs. The University embraces the concept of "students first" as a core institutional value. The University advocates the total development of students, especially the under served, and provides a wholesome academic environment in which students can study, learn and develop through their interaction with fellow students, faculty, staff, administrators, visiting scholars and community leaders.

Consistent with the core mission of the University System of Georgia, Albany State University exhibits the following characteristics:

- A supportive campus climate, necessary services, and leadership and development opportunities, all to educate the whole person and meet the needs of students, faculty and staff;
- Cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity in the faculty, staff and student body, supported by practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open, democratic and global society.
- Technology to advance educational purposes, including instructional technology, student support services and distance education;
- Collaborative relationships with other System Institutions, state agencies, local schools and technical institutes, and business and industry, sharing physical, human, information, and other resources to expand and enhance programs and services to the citizens of Georgia.

With other state universities in the University System of Georgia, Albany State University shares:

- A commitment to excellence and responsiveness within a scope of influence defined by the needs of an area of the state, and by particularly outstanding programs or distinctive characteristics that have a magnet effect throughout the region or state;
- A commitment to a teaching/learning environment, both inside and outside the classroom, that sustains instructional excellence, serves a diverse and college-prepared student body, promotes high levels of student achievement, offers academic assistance, and provides developmental studies programs for a limited student cohort;

- A high quality general education program supporting a variety of disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and professional academic programming at the baccalaureate level, with selected Master's and Education Specialist degrees, and selected Associate degree programs based on area need and/or inter-institutional collaborations;
- A commitment to public service, continuing education, technical assistance, and economic development activities that address the needs, improve the quality of life, and raise the educational level within the University's scope of influence;
- A commitment to scholarly and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits, and a commitment to applied research in selected areas of institutional strength and area need.

While Albany State University shares much in common with other state universities, it is dedicated to preparing leaders for under served populations and is committed to the following distinctive purposes:

- Providing quality educational experiences for under served populations in the region, state and nation;
- Promoting and preserving the historical and culturally distinctive traditions which define African American culture;
- Offering of a comprehensive array of programs in health care services, community development, human disabilities, cultural enhancement, business and economic development, international trade and entrepreneurship;
- Graduating marketable students not only through technologically advanced academic programs but also through undergraduate research, studies abroad, internships, service learning and developmental pre-professional experiences;
- Improving the quality of life of African-American males via the educational, research, intervention and service programs coordinated through the Center for the African-American Male.

**Armstrong Atlantic State University**

<http://www.pres.armstrong.edu/mission.html>

As a unit of the University System of Georgia, Armstrong Atlantic State University is committed to the following:

- Educating students in the liberal arts tradition through quality programs in the arts and sciences, teacher education, health professions, and computing and technology;
- Providing students with intellectual challenges, professional experiences, and extracurricular activities that prepare them for citizenship, leadership, career success, and a lifelong passion for learning; and
- Advancing teaching, scholarship, creative endeavors, and service to the community by supporting the collaborative initiatives of students, faculty and staff.

**\*\*Atlanta Metropolitan College\*\***

<http://www.atlm.peachnet.edu/president/index.html>

**Augusta State University**  
<http://www.aug.edu/mission.html>

As a unit of the University System of Georgia, Augusta State University is committed to excellence in teaching, advancement of knowledge, and enrichment of the community in a climate that fosters humane values and a life-long love of learning.

This mission is based on the value of a liberal arts education for students who are diverse in ethnicity, background, age, and preparation.

The mission obligates the university to be open to the voices of all its members, to be responsive to the needs of its community, and to measure its success by the success of its students.

To accomplish its mission, the university offers a broad array of undergraduate programs in arts and sciences and professional fields of study, and it offers selected graduate programs below the doctoral level. It fosters the intellectual growth of its students through learning assistance in University College, honors courses, and student research. It cultivates faculty members who are excellent in teaching, active in scholarship, and generous in service.

## **Clayton State University**

<http://about.clayton.edu/mission.htm>

Clayton State University provides an intellectually challenging, culturally rich learning environment, encouraging all students to take advantage of the outstanding educational and career opportunities provided for residential and commuter students from a diverse range of ethnic, socioeconomic, experiential and geographical backgrounds. The university offers undergraduate and graduate programs of superior quality taught by a professionally active teaching faculty committed to promoting academic excellence. University programs and services are informed and guided by the following essential considerations:

- recognizing and responding to the increasingly complex global context of contemporary life;
- promoting community-based, experiential learning to create enduring and meaningful connections between education and other aspects of life;
- encouraging and providing opportunities for continuous education and growth; and
- developing an understanding of advanced applications of modern technology.

Clayton State University promotes excellence in teaching, research, and service to the people and the State of Georgia, the nation, and the international community. University graduates communicate effectively, think critically, learn and work collaboratively, demonstrate competence in their chosen field, and possess the capability of adapting to changing circumstances and new challenges. Clayton State University students are encouraged to develop an individually compelling sense of social and civic responsibility, community leadership and service to society.

## **College of Coastal Georgia**

<http://www.cgcc.edu/about/Mission/>

As a state college of the University System of Georgia, the College of Coastal Georgia has as its mission to provide targeted baccalaureate programs of study, pre-baccalaureate programs of study for transfer, preparation for immediate employment in a variety of technical program areas, assistance to students who are academically under-prepared for college-level study, and lifelong learning opportunities for workforce development, career enhancement, and personal enrichment. Within the context of this mission, the College of Coastal Georgia places emphasis on the following:

- Providing access to educational opportunities, targeted to the needs of the service area;
- Promoting retention and program completion for all students;
- Providing activities, services, and learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that meet the needs of the whole student within a diverse student body;
- Providing appropriate resources for faculty and student use in support of learning;
- Providing instruction and support services at off-campus locations as needed in the service area;
- Providing a center for on-campus access to programs in collaboration with other institutions of the University System;
- Promoting workforce preparedness through partnerships with business and industry and service area K-12 school systems;
- Providing and expanding noncredit lifelong programs and conference services to meet the needs of the community;
- Partnering with area schools systems to foster seamless transitions from secondary schools to college; and
- Promoting and improving institutional effectiveness through an organized system of planning and assessment.

## **Dalton State College**

<http://www.daltonstate.edu/about/mission.htm>

Dalton State College is dedicated to providing broad access to quality higher education for the population of Northwest Georgia, thereby enhancing the region's economic vitality and quality of life.

As an institution of the University System of Georgia, Dalton State College offers targeted bachelor's degrees, a full range of associate's degrees and career certificate programs, and a wide variety of public service and continuing education activities. The College's work is strengthened by partnerships between the College and Northwest Georgia businesses and industries, governments, and schools.

The mission of Dalton State College consists of the following core commitments:

1. selection, support, and development of a talented, caring faculty and staff dedicated to scholarship and creating an open, cooperative, technologically enhanced learning environment;
2. excellence in a learning environment dedicated to serving a diverse student body, promoting high levels of student achievement, and providing a range of educational and student life opportunities and appropriate academic support services;
3. public service through continuing education, economic development, and cultural activities that address the needs and improve the quality of life of the region;
4. continuous improvement in all aspects of its operations through the use of inclusive, participatory planning and meaningful assessment.

In fulfilling its mission, Dalton State College seeks to prepare and inspire its students to be active members within their profession and communities. As Dalton State College looks to the future and its place in a competitive, global society, it seeks to build upon its strengths as one of the most academically respected, student-oriented, and community-centered institutions of its kind.



**Georgia College & State University**  
<http://www.gcsu.edu/about/index.htm>

In addition to the University's Vision Statement and Principles, the University's mission embraces the following principles from the Board of Regents' Core Mission Statement for State Universities:

The core characteristics include:

- a commitment to scholarly and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits, and a commitment to applied research in selected areas of institutional strength and area need.
- a commitment to a teaching/learning environment, both inside and outside the classroom, that sustains instructional excellence, serves a diverse and college prepared student body, promotes high levels of student achievement, offers academic assistance, and provides learning support programs for a limited student cohort;
- a high quality general education program supporting a variety of disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and professional academic programming at the baccalaureate level, with selected master's and educational specialist degrees;
- a commitment to public service, continuing education, technical assistance, and economic development activities that address the needs, improve the quality of life, and raise the educational level within the university's scope of influence;
- a commitment to scholarly and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits, and a commitment to applied research in selected areas of institutional strength and area need.

**Georgia Gwinnett College**

<http://www.ggc.usg.edu/index.php/About-GGC-Main-Page.html>

Georgia Gwinnett College provides access to targeted baccalaureate level degrees that meet the economic development needs of the growing and diverse population of the northeast Atlanta metropolitan region. It emphasizes the innovative use of technology and active-learning environments to provide its students enhanced learning experiences, practical opportunities to apply knowledge, increased scheduling flexibility, and a variety of course delivery options. Georgia Gwinnett's outstanding faculty and staff actively engage students in various learning environments, serve as mentors and advisors, and assist students through programs designed to enhance their academic, social, and personal development. GGC produces contributing citizens and future leaders for Georgia and the nation. Its graduates are inspired to contribute to the local, state, national, and international communities and are prepared to anticipate and respond effectively to an uncertain and changing world.

## **Georgia Institute of Technology**

<http://www.gatech.edu/president/strategicplan.html#mission>

Our vision is bold: "Georgia Tech will define the technological research university of the 21st century and educate the leaders of a technologically driven world."

Our mission is clear: "to provide the state of Georgia with the scientific and technological knowledge base, innovation, and workforce it needs to shape a prosperous and sustainable future and quality of life for its citizens." It is achieved through educational excellence, innovative research, and outreach in selected areas of endeavor.

Georgia Tech's mission in education and research will provide a setting for students to engage in multiple intellectual pursuits in an interdisciplinary fashion. Because of our distinction for providing a broad but rigorous education in the multiple aspects of technology, Georgia Tech seeks students with extraordinary motivation and ability and prepares them for lifelong learning, leadership, and service. As an institution with an exceptional faculty, an outstanding student body, a rigorous curriculum, and facilities that enable achievement, we are an intellectual community for all those seeking to become leaders in society.

Georgia Tech values its position as a leading public research university in the United States and understands full well its responsibility to advance society toward a proper, fair, and sustainable future. By seeking to develop beneficial partnerships within public and private sectors in education, research, and technology, Georgia Tech ensures relevance in all that it does and assures that the benefits of its discoveries are widely disseminated and used in society.

Georgia Tech pursues its mission by giving the highest respect to the personal and intellectual rights of everyone in our community. In return, we expect that all members of our community will conduct themselves with the highest ethical principles.

**Georgia Perimeter College**

[http://www.gpc.edu/News\\_and\\_Information/mission.php3](http://www.gpc.edu/News_and_Information/mission.php3)

Georgia Perimeter College transforms the lives of our students to thrive in a global society.

As a diverse, multi-campus two-year college, we provide relevant, responsive, learner-centered higher education that facilitates the achievement of academic, professional and personal goals.

We embrace excellence, teamwork, and quality service that link the college's human capital with our communities to enhance economic, social and cultural vitality.

As a key point of entry for students into higher education in Georgia and as the major provider of associate degrees and student transfer opportunities, Georgia Perimeter College supports the Strategic Plan of the University System of Georgia.

## **Georgia Southern University**

<http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/about/mission.html>

Georgia Southern University is a public, Carnegie Doctoral/Research university devoted to academic distinction in teaching, scholarship, and service. The University's hallmark is a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environment beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success. Georgia Southern's nationally accredited academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional studies prepare a diverse and select undergraduate and graduate student population for leadership and service as world citizens. Faculty, staff, and students embrace core values expressed through integrity, civility, kindness, collaboration, and a commitment to lifelong learning, wellness, and social responsibility.

Central to the University's mission is the faculty's dedication to excellence in teaching and the development of a fertile learning environment exemplified by a free exchange of ideas, high academic expectations, and individual responsibility for academic achievement. Georgia Southern faculty are teacher-scholars whose primary responsibility is the creation of learning experiences of the highest quality, informed by scholarly practice, research, and creative activities. The University offers a student-centered environment enhanced by technology, transcultural experiences, private and public partnerships, and stewardship of a safe residential campus recognized for its natural beauty.

Georgia Southern University is committed to advancing the State of Georgia and the region through the benefits of higher education, offering baccalaureate through doctoral degrees and a variety of outreach programs. The University fosters access to its educational programs, provides a comprehensive and fulfilling university experience, and enhances quality of life in the region through collaborative relationships supporting education, health care and human services, cultural experiences, scientific and technological advancement, athletics, and regional development.

**Georgia Southwestern State University**

<http://www.gsw.edu/university/mission.html>

Georgia Southwestern State University is a dynamic community of learning on a residential campus, offering students personalized and challenging experiences in preparation for successful careers, leadership roles, productive citizenship, and a satisfying quality of life. The respected faculty demonstrates dedication to teaching and offer outstanding professional and degree programs of study with a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences. Learning is strengthened by an effective student-oriented staff committed to the optimal development of each student. The location, atmosphere, and relationships of the University create a stimulating environment for intellectual inquiry in pursuit of truth and knowledge.

**Georgia State University**

<http://www.gsu.edu/24676.html>

As the only urban research university in Georgia, Georgia State University offers educational opportunities for traditional and nontraditional students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels by blending the best of theoretical and applied inquiry, scholarly and professional pursuits, and scientific and artistic expression. As an urban research university with strong disciplinary-based departments and a wide array of problem-oriented interdisciplinary programs, the goal of the university is to develop, transmit, and utilize knowledge in order to provide access to quality education for diverse groups of students, to educate leaders for the State of Georgia and the nation, and to prepare citizens for lifelong learning in a global society.

## **Kennesaw State University**

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/about/mission.shtml>

Kennesaw State is a proud public university in the University System of Georgia, located in the densely populated and rapidly developing northwest region of Greater Metropolitan Atlanta. Chartered in 1963, KSU serves as a highly valued resource for this region's educational, economic, social, and cultural advancement.

This institution shares with all other units in the University System of Georgia the following characteristics:

- a supportive campus climate, necessary services, and leadership development opportunities, all to educate the whole person and meet the needs of students, faculty and staff;
- cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity in the faculty, staff and student body supported by practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open, democratic, and global society;
- technology to advance educational purposes, including instructional technology, student support services, and distance education;
- collaborative relationships with other System institutions, State agencies, local schools and technical institutes, and business and industry, sharing physical, human, information, and other resources to expand and enhance programs and services available to the citizens of Georgia.

This institution shares with other state universities in the University System of Georgia the following characteristics:

- a commitment to excellence and responsiveness within a scope of influence defined by the needs of an area of the state, and by particularly outstanding programs or distinctive characteristics that have a magnet effect throughout the region or state;
- a commitment to teaching/learning environment, both inside and outside the classroom, that sustains instructional excellence, serves a diverse and university-prepared student body, promotes high levels of student achievement, offers academic assistance, and provides developmental studies programs for a limited student cohort;
- a high quality general education program supporting a variety of disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and professional academic programming at the baccalaureate level, with selected master's and educational specialist degrees, and selected associate degree programs based on area need and/or interinstitutional collaborations;
- a commitment to public service, continuing education, technical assistance, and economic development activities that address the needs, improve the quality of life, and raise the educational level within the university's scope of influence;
- a commitment to scholarly and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits, and a commitment to applied research in selected areas of institutional strength and area need.

Kennesaw State University's distinctive characteristics are described as follows:

Kennesaw State serves a diverse student body in the northern suburbs of Atlanta and extending into northwest Georgia. It includes young adults who enroll as freshmen or undergraduate transfers and an equally large number of older adults who return or transfer to the university at different stages in their lives for undergraduate or graduate study. Students reside off campus and commute to classes. A majority pursue their academic goals on a part-time basis because of job, family and civic responsibilities. Significant numbers of international and minority students



enroll. Many students pursue professionally oriented degrees, especially at the graduate level. Evening and weekend programs accommodate experienced professionals seeking academic advancement. A broad range of programs, services and activities are offered outside the classroom to enrich campus life and enhance student success and personal development.

Effective teaching and learning are central institutional priorities. Service and research that strengthen teaching and address the public's interests are important supportive priorities. Faculty, staff and administrators are committed to providing a challenging and facilitative collegiate environment that fosters high-quality academic preparation, critical thinking, global and multicultural perspectives, effective communication and interpersonal skills, leadership development, social responsibility and lifelong learning. Programs, up to and including a professional doctoral degree, that prepare students well for the advancement of professional pursuits are especially attractive and are offered in all schools of the university.

The foundation for all undergraduate majors is a comprehensive and coherent general education program that promotes internationalized and connected learning in the liberal arts tradition. A wide array of baccalaureate degree programs is offered, including majors in the arts, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, natural science, accounting, business fields, teacher education specialties, computing and information systems, and nursing. An expanding array of professional master's degrees exists in education specialties, accounting, business fields, public administration, professional writing and nursing.

KSU's commitment to public service is reflected through an extensive array of continuing education programs, service institutions and centers, nationally recognized lectures and conferences, collaboratives with the public schools, partnerships with business and governmental agencies, and international initiatives. The university plays a vital role in promoting and supporting regional interests in the visual, performing and cultural arts.

Research, scholarship, and creative activity are broadly defined and predominantly applied. The university honors action research on the improvement of teaching and learning; survey research for community and economic development; interdisciplinary studies in support of environmental, governmental, business or health interests; creative contributions in the arts and humanities; intellectual contributions; discovery research and academic publication; and the interpretation or application of academic research.

Kennesaw State University aspires to be a progressive and exemplary educational institution, respected for its excellence and leadership in teaching, service and research. The university is committed to continuous improvement in an increasingly diverse and constantly changing learning community.

## **Middle Georgia College**

<http://www.mgc.edu/about/mission.cfm>

Middle Georgia College (MGC) is a state college unit of the University System of Georgia with a focus on providing constituents access to certificate, associate, and select baccalaureate programs in academic transfer or occupation related programs of study. The College is dedicated to providing a dynamic, learning-centered, caring and technically advanced environment of excellence. As a multi-campus, residential institution, the College pursues innovative opportunities to provide services to its traditional and non-traditional students primarily from rural areas of south central Georgia and will maintain a recognized legacy of affordable higher education and community support services of the highest quality. The College also serves as the only higher education institution of aviation for the State of Georgia.

The College's historic main campus in Cochran offers academic programs of study through the baccalaureate degree for commuting and residential students. The Institution's Georgia Aviation campus in Eastman provides aviation specific technical education for the State while supporting the main campus' Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management degree program. The Dublin Center provides educational opportunities for central Georgia commuting students. Selected certificate and associate degree programs, as well as additional advanced higher education opportunities, are offered online and in collaboration with participating four-year institutions. In addition, MGC provides undergraduate education addressing the economic development needs of Georgia's heartland and the state's aviation industry.

To accomplish its mission, MGC commits to the following goals:

- Promoting a campus-wide commitment to student learning that is embedded in course and program design, teaching, achievement, and student development activities.
- Providing the highest quality classroom and/or advanced distance learning instruction that enriches and challenges learners in all programs at all levels.
- Creating a welcoming campus community that nurtures a culturally and ethnically diverse student body.
- Offering programs of excellence leading to certificates and associate degrees to prepare students for immediate employment and/or acceptance to baccalaureate degrees at Middle Georgia College or other colleges and universities.
- Offering a signature aviation program that is the only public curriculum in Georgia leading to select baccalaureate degrees in aviation management as well as certificate and associate programs in flight and aviation technology specialties which prepare students for immediate employment, careers, and further study in aviation.
- Providing the Georgia Academy of Mathematics, Engineering, and Sciences (GAMES) program which challenges gifted students to experience the rigors of higher education at an earlier entrance.
- Providing the support resources, services, and learning activities that enhance student learning, facilitate student success, and promote personal enrichment.
- Providing and supporting an adaptive, effective, and efficient human and physical infrastructure which maintains and supports the learning environment.

## North Georgia College & State University

<http://www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/irp/mission.shtml>

North Georgia College & State University develops and educates leaders through strong liberal arts, pre-professional, professional, and graduate programs. North Georgia College & State University is proud to be designated by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and by the Georgia General Assembly as the Military College of Georgia and distinguished as a leadership institution of Georgia.

North Georgia College & State University provides an environment of academic excellence that develops leaders who respect all people, maintain high ethical standards, continue intellectual and personal growth, and serve the community, the state, the nation, and the world.

This mission is founded upon the following core values:

- **Courage** – demonstrating the individual and institutional character required to translate thought into action under adverse or challenging conditions,
- **Integrity** –cultivating in ourselves and in others the willingness and steadfastness to act honestly and ethically,
- **Loyalty** – being faithful to the mission of the university,
- **Respect** – acknowledging the dignity and worth of all beings and preserving the richness of our cultures and ecology,
- **Service** – giving of oneself to enhance the life and richness of the university and all of its members, as well as the larger community,
- **Truth** – searching for and honoring truth as it relates to academics, individuals, self, and society, and
- **Wisdom** – making sound decisions in complex or ambiguous situations based on accumulated knowledge and experiences.

## Savannah State University

<http://www.savannahstate.edu/mission.htm>

Chartered by the State of Georgia in 1890, as a department of the State University for the education and training of Negro students, Savannah State University now serves a diverse student population as a senior university of the University System of Georgia. The University serves a primarily African-American student population, enriched by a diversity of traditional and nontraditional students from other countries, cultures, and races. The University's mission is to graduate students prepared to perform at higher levels of economic productivity, social responsibility, and excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor in a changing global community. The educational goal is realized through program offerings in the College of Business Administration, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the College of Sciences and Technology, which lead to baccalaureate, and master's degrees.

Savannah State University, located in a coastal, urban, port city setting, serves residential and commuter students from diverse educational, geographical, and racial backgrounds. In a beautiful and unique setting of a live oak forest next to a salt marsh estuary, the University is well situated for the study of commercial, technological, environmental and urban issues.

The University's mission is consistent with the core missions of the University System of Georgia and the senior universities in the System.

Savannah State University shares with the University System of Georgia the following characteristics:

• a supportive campus climate, necessary services, and leadership development opportunities, all to educate the whole person and meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff; cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity in faculty, staff, and student body, supported by practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open, democratic, and global society;

• technology to advance educational purposes, including instructional technology, student support services, and distance education; collaborative relationships with other System institutions, state agencies, local schools and technical institutes, and businesses and industries, sharing physical, human, information and other resources to expand and enhance programs and services available to the citizens of Georgia. Savannah State University shares with senior universities in the University System of Georgia these characteristics:

• a commitment to excellence and responsiveness within the scope of influence defined by the needs of an area of the state, and by particularly outstanding programs or distinctive characteristics that have a magnet effect throughout the region or state;

• a commitment to the teaching/learning environment, both inside and outside the classroom, that sustains instructional excellence, serves a diverse and college prepared student body, promotes high levels of student achievement, offers academic assistance, and provides Student Academic Support programs for a limited student cohort;

• a commitment to a high quality general education program supporting a variety of disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and professional programming at the baccalaureate level, with selected master's, and selected associate degree programs based on area need and/or inter-institutional collaborations;

• a commitment to public service, continuing education, technical assistance, and economic development activities that address the needs, improve the quality of life, and raise the educational level within the University's scope of influence; and

• a commitment to scholarly and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits; and a commitment to applied research in selected areas of institutional strength and area need.

The continuing commitment of Savannah State University to academic excellence is expressed through the following characteristics:

• tradition of serving the educational needs of African-American students as well as those of all other students, regardless of race, ethnicity, or culture; the historical tradition as an African-American institution which defines the University as a unique cultural and educational resource for the interpretation and transmission of the African- American legacy; the guiding principle of the faculty and staff which is service to students expressed by quality, student-centered instruction, scholarship, research and effective support services that nurture the intellect and value honesty and human sensitivity; a high quality general education offered through the core curriculum in humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social and behavioral sciences;

• baccalaureate degree offerings with a dynamic mix of liberal arts programs that address the study of the humanities, social sciences and the sciences; professional programs that address the study of commerce, entrepreneurship, communications, social services, technology and environmental sustainability; master's degree offerings that address the study of the social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences; and initiatives to provide new programs and levels of service to meet the ever changing needs of a coastal urban area;

• a commitment to excellence in the area of engineering technology;

• Student Academic Support services that provide educational access and opportunity for students, and service programs, offered singly and collaboratively, to enhance student satisfaction and academic success; and

• an active community service function that is carried out through collaborative partnerships with business, private and governmental agencies, public schools, and other institutions in the University System.

Savannah State University intends to increase the scope and quality of service to diverse populations by focusing and developing an array of excellent programs, supported and delivered through instructional technology and distance education to all who seek our programs and services.

**Southern Polytechnic State University**

<http://www.spsu.edu/home/about/MissionStatement.html>

Southern Polytechnic State University is proud to be Georgia's technology university. Our academic, professional, outreach and service programs embrace all aspects of technology, including the practical applied skills (techne) needed to solve today's real-world problems and the theoretical knowledge (logos) necessary to meet tomorrow's challenges. SPSU graduates are well prepared to lead the scientific and economic development of an increasingly complex state, nation, and world.

Our mission is to serve both traditional and non-traditional students at the undergraduate, graduate and continuing education levels; in engineering and engineering technology, the sciences, applied liberal arts, business and professional programs. We work to develop the broader community's intellectual, cultural, economic, and human resources. Facilitated by our innovative faculty, dedicated staff, and supportive campus environment, our learning community empowers SPSU students with the ability and vision to transform the future.

**\*\*University of West Georgia\*\***

<http://www.usg.edu/strategicplan/>

The University System of Georgia has developed a Strategic Plan that will guide and focus the actions of many toward continuing the great tradition of educating more Georgians to a higher level than at any time in history.

The Strategic Plan defines six broad goals designed to ensure that the investment the citizens of Georgia have made in their system of higher education continues to serve the needs and transform the lives of future generations.

## **Valdosta State University**

<http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/org/>

Since 1913, Valdosta State University has been a major provider of educational services for South Georgia. The beauty and consistency of its Spanish Mission style of architecture are indicative of its dedication to serving the region's heritage while developing programs and services to enhance its future.

Within the context of the University System's mission and vision, Georgia Southern University and Valdosta State University share core characteristics as regional universities. While these two universities both embody the common characteristics presented below, variations in their purposes, histories, traditions, and settings allow each to focus on its own distinctiveness and accomplishments.

### **The core characteristics include:**

- a commitment to excellence and responsiveness within a scope of influence defined by the needs of a specific region of the state and by particularly outstanding programs or distinctive characteristics that have a magnet effect even beyond the region;
- a campus-wide commitment to a technologically enhanced learning community that promotes student success, sustains instructional excellence, serves a diverse and well-prepared student body, offers academic assistance, and provides learning enrichment for all students;
- a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic programming at the baccalaureate and masters levels, as well as a range of professional programs at the baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate levels, including a limited number of professionally oriented doctoral-level programs;
- a commitment to public service, continuing education, technical assistance, and economic development activities that addresses the needs, improves the quality of life, and raises the educational level within the university's scope of influence;
- a commitment to scholarly and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits and a commitment to research in selected areas of institutional strength and focused on regional need.

As a regional university in South Georgia, Valdosta State cooperates with other University System institutions to ensure that the region receives the services it needs. To expand its programmatic outreach, it develops and offers programs by distance learning and at off-campus locations throughout the region. It will continue to exercise a leadership role in meeting the needs of the region, particularly in providing access to professionally oriented doctoral programs, primarily in education, and to applied research.